On Nov 5, 4:20 pm, Paulo Penteado <pp.pente...@gmail.com> wrote:
> It absolutely has to keep returning -1 if called the same way,

Fully agree with David/Paulo!

And what about somehow allowing a Null result starting with IDL 8.0?
Such as a new keyword for that, compile_opt, or whatever the best way
to do this is...

As you write, the null result in WHERE has many advantages as it can
be changed to assign something later without getting an error. It
would be a pity not being able to exploit this.